

***“American was founded as a Christian nation!”***

vs.

***“America was not founded as a Christian nation!”***

**How does one decide which claim to accept - believe / continue accepting - believing?**

1. On the sincerity of the one making the claim alone?? – No!
2. On the confidence-in-assertion of the one making the claim alone?? – No!
3. Because it “feels good” to accept / believe the claim?? – No!
4. Because it benefits you to believe / accept the claims?? - No!
5. Because there is evidence / argument that the claim is true? – YES!

But, a logically prior question is:

**How does one understand the question / claims - and any assertion or denial of the claim?**

1. What was the ‘FOUNDING’?
2. What is a Christian ‘NATION’?
3. What is a ‘CHRISTIAN’ nation?

**= Philosophy concerns itself with conceptual / language analysis of statements / claims**

**and (then) arguments in support of, or against claims / beliefs.**

[An ‘**argument**’ is “...a verbal attempt to persuade someone as to the truth of a claim by providing reasons / evidence WHY they should accept the claim (as true).”

- Robert C. Solomon]

**Read: “The Constitutional Convention and ‘Christian America’.”**

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